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Someone May Be Reading Your e-Mail

CDC Employees Make Allegations

"Lloyd Hasche requested that I or Mike McMahon open and print a user's e-mail. He did this without a warrant or the user's consent."

—Matt Heys
CDC Specialist

By KATHARINE STOLTZFUS

Top administrators in UNO's Computing and Data Communications department (CDC) have been reading students' electronic mail messages on UNO's Campus Wide Information System (CWIS), say sources within the department.

Several CDC employees have accused top-level management in the department of unethical and potentially unlawful privacy breaches, including accessing and reading users' private e-mail and releasing

personal student information in violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act.

CDC Director Richard Snowden vehemently denied that his department is involved in any wrongdoing, but at least one current employee disagreed.

"Lloyd Hasche (assistant director of academic computing) requested that I or Mike McMahon open and print a user's e-mail," said Matt Heys, a technical specialist at CDC. "He did this without a warrant or the user's prior consent."

McMahon said Hasche suspected

that a high school student had obtained the CWIS password of a friend or sibling at UNO and was sending sexually harassing mail to other students. In late 1992, Hasche asked them to access the student's e-mail to determine whether his suspicions were correct.

"We refused," Heys said. "I told him I'd consider it if he had a warrant in his pocket and a badge in his hand."

Both Heys and McMahon said they felt the request was a violation of the 1986 Electronic Communications Privacy Act which extended Fourth Amendment protection to electronic communications.

Hasche did not specifically re-

call the incident, but said CDC sometimes works with Campus Security and other law enforcement officials to investigate harassment complaints. Hasche said that although he was not sure whether law enforcement was involved in every case where e-mail was read, CDC has always acted in compliance of the law.

"We've had cases in the past where security or law enforcement has come and asked us in the course of their investigation if there was any documentation or mail messages that could help

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Task Force to Study Engineering College

By VERONICA BURGER

University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith recommended that a task force be formed to study ways to improve engineering education in Nebraska.

Smith told the NU Board of Regents Saturday that the task force would form several plans for increasing engineering education around the state, Smith said, and one of those plans must include an UNO engineering college.

The university is not committed to implement a plan to create a new engineering college at UNO, he said.

Smith, only 26 days into his job as NU president, said he has heard a lot of debate as whether UNO should have its own engineering college, but still will not express his opinion on the issue. He said he knows the regents will make the final decision.

The debate escalated two weeks ago when a group of consultants hired by the regents said a separate engineering college at UNO is crucial to economic growth in Omaha and Nebraska.

Smith said the task force will report its findings in six months, and he will make his recommendations to

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UNO Sculptor Benefits From Junkyard Finds

By TIM ROHWER

UNO student Bryant Guerrero sometimes goes to junkyards for help in his school work.

Guerrero, a senior in the College of Fine Arts, is a sculptor and many of his school supplies are not always found in a bookstore. Old pieces of wood and metal are the basics of most of his sculptures.

Apparently, it has benefited Guerrero because he has won numerous awards in his field of study. He also has been accepted into many graduate schools to continue his work.

Guerrero is one of a select number of minority artists in this area having their work displayed in the "Minority Artists in Nebraska" program being held in the new El

Museo Latino in Omaha's Livestock Exchange Building.

His works, which include five sculptures and two paintings, are on display through April 16.

Guerrero said he has been interested in art all his life, though his tools were somewhat limited at first.

"When I was young, my mom got tired of me painting on the walls, so she gave me a piece of paper and I began to draw pictures of Jesus," he said. "I also made sculptures of clay soldiers."

After graduating from high school in 1984, Guerrero briefly attended Omaha's Metropolitan Community College, majoring in commercial art. The commercialism of that field, however, did not appeal to him.

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—Ed Carlson

Hitting the Books

Beth VanDusen, Kris Ortmeier and Wanita Nistl study in the UNO Library. The end of Spring Break has brought many students back to reality after vacations in warmer climates.

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SPORTS

Mav Baseball

The LeRoy Wilson Classic in Joplin, Mo., answered a lot of questions for Coach Bob Gates and the UNO men's baseball team. The Mavs went 5-4 in the tournament. Turn to Page 10.

Ask NU President Smith

University of Nebraska President L. Dennis Smith has requested an interview with the *Gateway* editorial staff.

If you have any questions for Smith, write them on a sheet of paper labeled "Questions for the NU President," and drop it off at the *Gateway* offices in Annex 26. The deadline is April 10.

If you want to mail in your questions, address them to:

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tions, the *Gateway* fax number is 554-2735.

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All questions must be titled "Questions for the NU President." Any questions without this heading will not be considered for use.

The *Gateway* cannot guarantee that your questions will be used during the interview session, but the *Gateway* will ask as many of your questions as time allows.

Smith's answers will be printed in the *Gateway*.

Owner: Theater Not on Market

Dundee Theater Safe for Moment

By JODI BOOKE

In the past several months, the Dundee Theater has almost been sold, torn down and made into a landmark. What will happen next to the 69-year-old theater?

Owner Dennis Moran has no plans to sell it. Moran also owns the adjoining Mainstreet Movies and the Dundee Dell, a traditional UNO hangout.

"I don't have it on the market," he said, "but if somebody came and made me an offer I couldn't refuse, I'd have to look at it."

The Omaha City Council recently considered an ordinance that would have made the city's last single screen theater a landmark. Last Tuesday, however, they voted to put the ordinance on file, killing the idea.

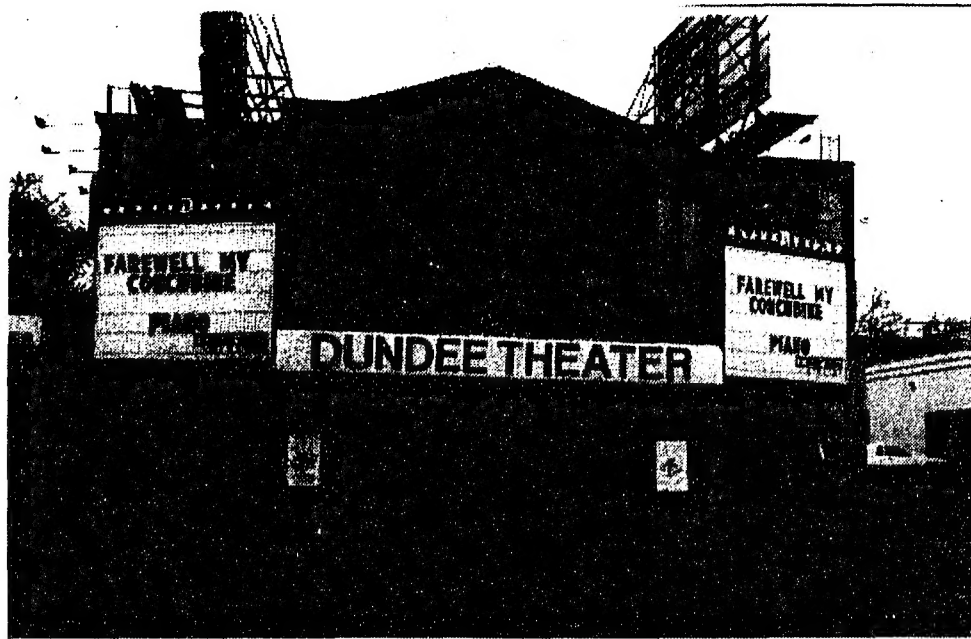
Instead council members said they would consider adding the building to a neighborhood conservation district. The plan would preserve the character of the neighborhood without offering specific protection to the theater.

Tessa Schultz, a UNO student and a former Dundee resident, is disappointed with the council's decision.

"The theater is a focus point of Dundee. It's historic for Omaha," she said. "If it's not a landmark by the city standards, it certainly is by the residents' standards."

While the City Planning Board and Landmarks Heritage Preservation Commission fought for the landmark designation, Moran fought against it.

"With the landmark designation, you can't



—Ed Carlson

Dundee Theater owner Dennis Moran said he has no current plans to sell the 69-year-old theater.

make any changes without going before a board," he said. "It handicaps you. There's no benefit to being a landmark, it's more of a weight around your neck."

Moran recently invested \$60,000 in the theater's sound system.

"It's the only theater in Nebraska or Iowa with Dolby Stereo Digital," he said.

"This is the kind of thing I would have to present to a board before doing under the landmark status."

Moran talked about the possibility of putting a 180-seat cameo theater in the Mainstreet Movies video store adjoining the theater. He also said he's considering changing locations.

"We were approached to move the theater to Ak-Sar-Ben where they're putting in an

arts and entertainment center. That would be an option."

Moran emphasized that no plans are being made, and he's just keeping his mind open to opportunity.

"If I ever sold the theater, I would make sure that whoever moved in is keeping with the neighborhood," he said.

Moran said the theater doesn't make much of a profit, a reason he's considering changing locations.

"If I had to live off the theater, I'd starve."

He said the only profit that is made goes right back into the theater.

Why then has he been operating the theater for 13 years?

"My wife and I love it," he said. "We love the theater and we love the neighborhood."

Lack of Attendance Leaves Budget for Later

By VERONICA BURGHER

The Student Senate didn't have enough senators in attendance March 17 to vote on next year's student activities budget.

When Senate Speaker Justin Peterson called the meeting to order at 6 p.m., there were seven senators present, not enough to continue the meeting. He said he had taken the names of those who attended, and they wouldn't be penalized. He then adjourned the meeting.

At the last senate meeting, Peterson said he was tired of waiting 15 or 20 minutes for everyone to show up. He said if there weren't

enough senators present at exactly 6 p.m. to vote on the budget, he would adjourn the meeting and the budget would wait until the next meeting.

The budget is important, Peterson said, and it has to be voted on soon so Richard Hoover, vice chancellor for educational and student services, can have time to approve it.

Several senators arrived late and were surprised to find the meeting had already been adjourned.

"I couldn't back down," Peterson said. "I did what I said I'd do."

Director of Student Organizations and Leadership Development Terry Forman speculated that St. Patrick's Day, spring break and the

Nebraska basketball game were reasons for the senators' low turn-out.

Rumors about the shortage of senators were floating around before the meeting, Forman said. He also said most senators knew it wasn't mandatory that the budget be voted on that night.

Peterson probably should have waited a little longer to adjourn the meeting, Forman said.

Student President/Regent Matt Schulz agreed the coming spring break and the basketball game may have distracted the senators.

The budget needs to be passed, Schulz said, but it can be done at this Thursday's meeting.

NEWS BITS

Conference Will Focus On Behavioral Problems

The Women's Guild of the Meyer Rehabilitation Institute will sponsor a conference on integrating children with behavioral problems into the community and the classroom. The conference will be held on April 9 from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The purpose of the conference is to share information on children with behavioral problems and provide strategies to deal with their special needs.

The event will be in the Cooper Auditorium of the University of Nebraska Medical Center College of Nursing and is open to the public. The cost is \$15 and includes lunch.

Call 559-6460 to register or for further information.

Various Religions to Be Represented at Forum

Representatives from the Catholic, Protestant and Jewish religions will discuss the coming holidays at the Christian Forum Wednesday at noon in the Student Center State Room.

UNO, UNMC to Hold Conference on Aging

A conference on women and aging will be presented April 6 through 9 at UNO's Peter Kiewit Conference Center.

"The Enduring Spirit: Women as They Age," is sponsored by UNO and the University of Nebraska Medical Center. The event will include more than 60 workshops, displays and speakers such as psychologist and author Harriet Lerner.

Call the UNO College of Continuing Studies at 595-2308 to register or for more information.

Health Services to Offer Free Testing for HIV

UNO Health Services will offer a day of free, confidential HIV testing in the middle of April.

Call Health Services at 554-2374 to schedule an appointment.

UNO History Professor Featured in Book Series

The UNO Authors series continues April 4 at noon in the Student Center Council Room with a discussion of UNO History Professor Michael Tate's book "Upstream People: The Omaha Tribe in Cultural Conflict."

United Christian Ministries and the UNO Library are co-sponsors of the book review.

Blood Drive to Be Held In UNO Student Center

The Golden Key National Honor Society, Pre-Medical Professional Club and Sigma Phi Epsilon are sponsoring a blood drive for the American Red Cross on April 13.

The blood drive will be held in the Student Center from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. The goal is 90 pints of blood.

Call 342-0309 to set up an appointment.

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Don't Get Too Busy To Be Happy Again

You've seen those Reebok ads, haven't you?

You know. The ones with that witty slogan "Life's short. Play hard."

It's so true. Life is short and you really should play. I don't mean Shaq attack high tops or Nancy Kerrigan warm-up wear on the court while playing. I mean rolling down grassy hills, flying a kite in the middle of a field or spinning around until you're dizzy and lying on your back under a tree.

Forget about all of your responsibilities, find a huge, dark rock and just sit there basking in the sun.

People are so busy being busy that, in their efforts to succeed and reach their goals, they forget how to be happy. That seems odd since the reasons most of us start working towards those goals is to be happy.

The acquisition of those goals should be part of the happiness. Why take the road less traveled if you're going blindfolded? Look around. Are there flowers scattered on the side of the road? Are there animals or is nature just in action? What makes this path the right one for you?

Smiles are generally more abundant when you talk about the stupid, childish things you've done than while discussing the affirmative steps taken towards your career peak.

If spring break was not the rest you needed, try again. Take this weekend off. Leave the books in your trunk. Call in sick. Sleep until noon. Weather permitting, run barefoot in the front lawn.

Be 9 years old again.

Nothing was ever too big of a problem in those days. If you just relaxed or played a few more games of kick ball, everything worked itself out. Try to have one of those days.

I know that it seems impractical and thoroughly irresponsible, but it is. It also

is beneficial to your sanity. Or lack thereof.

The pure essence of being a child is perhaps the most beautiful example of life in action. The colors were brighter and the sun was bigger when you were a child. You hadn't learned to lie, nor had you been taught to hate. You weren't embarrassed to pick your nose or cry in public. In fact, most of us did both of those things a lot.

More importantly, you didn't know that, in the grown-up world, happiness was measured by success. You measured happiness on the number of Garbage Pail Kids stickers you had and how dark it was when you had to go inside.

You just lived to be happy and thought about yourself. Though that's a very self-

ish way to be at 22 years of age, it was beyond perfect at 9. Doing that for a few minutes every day, wouldn't kill you nor would it cause any strife for those whom you are responsible.

You could invite them to come along for the ride.

It was great being a kid, for the most part. I know that not everyone had a shiny, happy childhood, but there had to be something you loved about being a kid. Be it the quiet time spent alone sitting in cool grass or the loud games of Marco Polo in the public pool; something had to be good about your childhood. A type of good that you haven't seen since.

Chase the ice cream man down your block with a pocket full of change, walk barefoot in hot sand or stare at the moon so long that you think you can touch it.

It's time to get off the bandwagon and pull your puppy around the block in your little red wagon. Just for a little while, every now and again, drop the suit and tie and pitch the computer print out.

Jams are much more comfortable and, if read fast enough, The Cat in the Hat is much more entertaining.

Angi Sada
COLUMNIST

Some Men Aren't Needed by Women

Every man has his own way dealing with women. This doesn't mean the kind of treatment it takes to pick up a woman in a bar, too easy. This means how men and women get along in everyday life.

While sitting in an Italian restaurant in San Clemente, Calif., myself and my five female travel companions encountered an individual so oblivious to common decency, that we feared for our sanity.

Rob is a personal physical trainer who boasts more about what he thinks he can do than what he's actually done. Throughout dinner, Rob would only stop talking about himself in order to make a ridiculous sexist comment.

"So, do you ladies like what you see? Why don't you all take off your shirts and show me yours."

Such witty lines like that just kept rolling on like the waves crashing against the beach. Some of what Rob said was saying was slightly funny. However, all of it was at the expense of the women at the table and making some of them uncomfortable.

Breast size was Rob's topic of the evening as he spent the evening surveying and alluding to the women's breasts. Just when Rob's humor seemed to reach its lowest, he dug deeper into his bag of smut.

"I like molesting small children. You know, like Michael Jackson. We like that kind of stuff out here in California."

That's sure impressive. Why don't they make it the state motto.

There was nothing funny about the child molestation or the following sexist comments. The rest of his material brought on looks of annoyance and calls for "check please." Rob finished his act by suggesting to the waitress that the women each be given a T-shirt — extra small — to parade around the table in.

After finally leaving the restaurant, our heads were spinning at the sound of Rob's voice as he continued his barrage of vulgar-

ity. We spun out of the parking lot as quickly as Rob could say "titties."

Although none of Rob's comments never really pertained to me, I felt offended by the constant berating he gave these fine women. Each of them educated, articulate and mature, yet all Rob saw in them was a good time.

Rob wasn't that far off in saying they were a good time. That's why I went on the trip with them in the first place. However, Rob saw a good time as doing the naked pretzel with one or all five. I saw it as just enjoying their company without thinking about sex.

Why should sex always have to enter into any relationship involving a man and a woman? I know some men who swear they can't have a meaningful relationship with a woman unless it means having sex.

If only these guys knew what they were missing.

The differences between men and women are more than just biological. Men who can't accept women as an equal

are probably suffering from an inferiority complex and need to grow up.

Having to verbally assault a woman or feeling a need to dominate a woman does nothing to prove one's manhood. It just proves some men are unworthy of a woman's attention and need to resort to playground antics to acquire attention.

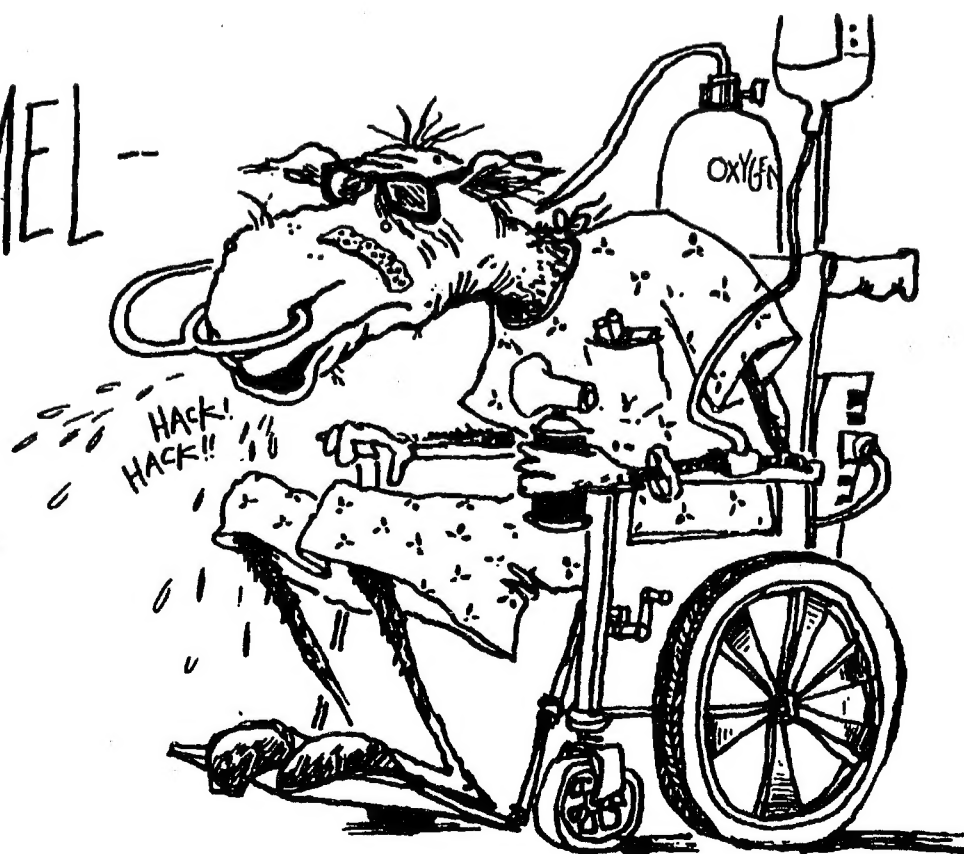
Women don't need games and they don't need overgrown boys. If you're a man who fits into either of these categories, face the facts, women don't need you.

It would be unfair for women, however, to constantly assume that the old battle cry, "All men are scum and only want one thing," is true. There are plenty of nice, caring, good-looking, men out there, all the women have to do is not settle for jerks like Rob.

Face it women, you deserve a better night of conversation than one about your sex life. You deserve conversations about real life. Get to know the difference and don't settle for anything less.

Michael Messerly
COLUMNIST

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them in a harassment charge or something like that," Hasche said. "It has been specific incidents where we've been asked by law enforcement to take a look at something that has occurred."

Sgt. William Muldoon, spokesperson for the Omaha police department, said he didn't know of any cases where police investigators have asked CDC to provide e-mail documentation. Campus Security Manager Charles Swank said it was possible that CDC has helped with harassment cases in the past, but could not recall any instances where it had actually happened.

Snowden said he was comfortable that administrators had stayed within the law when conducting e-mail searches and stressed, "We don't initiate actions on our own, we do it through security." Snowden said CDC has worked closely with Rick Hancock of Campus Security, however when Hancock was contacted, he said he did not remember any instances where student e-mail was requested in harassment complaints.

Snowden said a Nebraska law (Chapter 86-703) requiring an application be made in district court "for an order authorizing or approving the interception" of electronic communications, did not apply to suspected cases of harassment at UNO.

"We're not bringing them to trial. We're not doing anything to them. We're just trying to stop them from harassing people or providing other people with unkind or critical comments over the network we are supposed to be managing," he said. For non-criminal complaints, Snowden said that rather than obtaining a court order, it was appropriate that Campus Security and Educational and Student Services should determine what constitutes harassment.

"We absolutely respect privacy," Hasche said, adding, "There are a few former employees who are still looking for reasons to discredit the organization."

Heys is currently UNO's Student Employee of the Year and is employed by CDC.

McMahon no longer works for the department.

McMahon and Heys are responsible for creating and developing CWIS, which they co-managed until last spring when both resigned from the CWIS project, citing philosophical differences with CDC administrative policy.

'Top Administrators Involved'

Other sources within the department have provided information suggesting there have been other incidents in which e-mail has been read without the user's permission.

Of eight current and former CDC employees contacted, four alleged that they had either witnessed administrators reading e-mail or had been asked to read e-mail messages and report the results. Two employees said they had second-hand knowledge of such activity and only two said they knew of no incidents where private e-mail was read.

"It has been done by administrators themselves," said one source connected with CDC. "I don't know of any cases where students were asked to do it, but I do know that administrators, top administrators themselves, have actually read students' e-mail. It's evergoing and it will never end."

In all, this source claims to have witnessed three separate incidents where student e-mail was searched and read. The source would not name any CDC administrators specifically, but said they were management on the highest level.

The reasons for the searches varied, the source said.

"In some cases there were harassment questions. In others, I don't know what the reasons would be."

Snowden said he found it hard to believe that administrators would search e-mail for no particular reason.

"I just don't believe that these kinds of

things are being done, but if they are, I'll surely try to dig into it and find out what's happening," he said.

The fact that several of the alleged incidents involved suspected harassment does not give administrators the right to search e-mail, said Mike Godwin, legal services counsel for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a Washington, D.C. based organization devoted to protecting the civil liberties of the online community.

'Harassment No Excuse'

"This sounds like a violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA) to me," Godwin said.

The ECPA provides in part that "any person who intentionally intercepts, endeavors to intercept or procures any other person to intercept or endeavor to intercept any wire, oral or electronic communication" shall be fined or imprisoned.

Nebraska has a similar law in the books, Chapter 28-1343 of the Statutes of the State of Nebraska. The law is cited in CDC's code of conduct statement.

Omaha attorney Mike Riddle said it is still unclear whether the ECPA applies to university computing networks, since there have been few, if any, court cases dealing with that question.

"But, if I were their counsel, I'd advise them not to do it," Riddle said. "If it's inadvertent, that's one thing. If they're making a habit of it, that's another."

"Since a public university is funded by the government, students are probably covered by the Fourth Amendment and comparable Nebraska law against unreasonable search and seizure."

Other Privacy Violations

In another incident related to student privacy, Snowden was found guilty earlier this

month by UNO's Professional Conduct Committee of violating the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), more commonly known as the Buckley Amendment.

The Buckley Amendment prohibits public universities from releasing personal student information, including grades, without authorization. Universities that fail to comply with the Buckley Amendment risk losing federal funding.

The complaint was filed by McMahon who said Snowden obtained his grades from Career Planning and Placement Services and shared the information with several department members.

"I readily admit that I discussed Michael S. McMahon's (grades) with Warren Benson (associate director), Lloyd Hasche and Steve Lendt (data communications manager)," Snowden stated at a Professional Conduct Committee hearing held Feb. 20.

Snowden said he discussed McMahon's grades out of concern that McMahon was working too many hours. He added that he does not feel he put the university in jeopardy since the law requires that an educational institution display a policy of routine disregard for student privacy before funding would be withheld.

The committee's March 3 report found that Snowden had violated the Buckley Amendment, concluding that, "Richard M. Snowden individually and in his role as an upper-level administrator, did commit an act of professional misconduct by releasing confidential information about Michael S. McMahon's grades, without written authorization from Mr. McMahon."

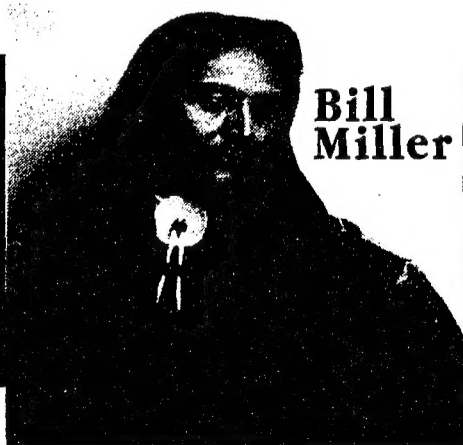
The committee recommended that a letter of reprimand be placed in Snowden's personnel file.

Snowden declined to comment on whether he felt the committee's findings were appropriate.

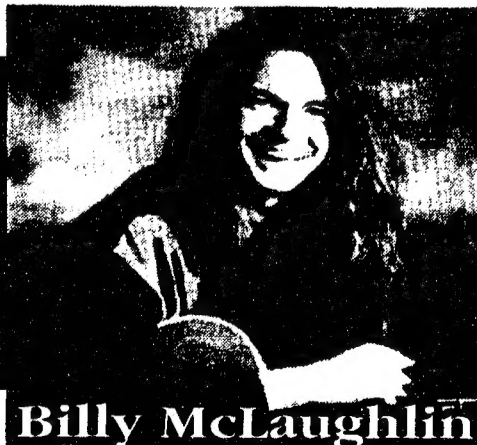
"That's not for me or you to decide," he said. "As for the e-mail, we do not violate the privacy rights of people here for any reason."



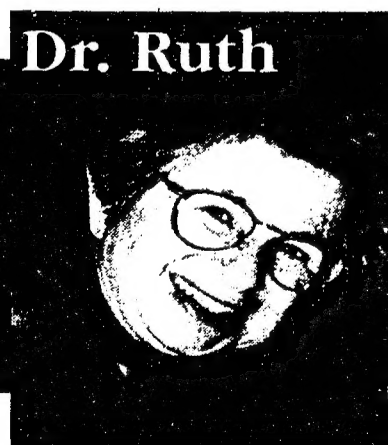
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"In commercial art, you're selling something. Why should I try to sell something if I don't approve it," he said.

After leaving Metropolitan, Guerrero served in the U.S. Army for four years, then went to Florida "to be a bum," he said.

"Actually, I was painting T-shirts, but it's the same thing."

Guerrero came to UNO in 1991 and immediately became more interested in sculpture because the professors "gave me the freedom to do what I wanted to do in sculpturing."

Immediately, Guerrero began winning awards for his sculptures, as well as appearing in numerous art shows. His work has not gone unnoticed around the country, as schools such as the University of Maryland on the East Coast to Washington State University on the West Coast have accepted him into their graduate schools to continue his training.

"It's best to go somewhere else to graduate school. For example, living here in the Midwest, it's best to go either to the East Coast or the West Coast," Guerrero said. "It looks better on your resumé."

UNO does not offer a graduate studies program in sculpture, he added.

Guerrero said it would be nice to make money from his works, but telling a story is more important.

"I try to tell about the good that is in everybody," he said. "There is a lot of spirituality in my art."

Guerrero said the El Museo Latino, which opened in May 1993, is an important outlet for minorities, especially Latinos, to view their heritage.

"There is a large Latino population in Omaha and a lot of times they don't have a chance to see their heritage except in the church," he said.

FROM REGENTS, PAGE 1

the regents by November.

Regent Rosemary Skrupa believes Smith's task force is designed to implement the consultants recommendations.

Skrupa said she discussed the idea of a task force with Smith to make sure it wasn't a delay tactic disguised as another study.

"He grabbed the bull by the horns," Skrupa said, "and took control of the situation."

A separate engineering college at UNO is important to modernizing the state's infrastructure and establishing a brighter economic future, Skrupa said.

"It's a good economic plan for the whole state," Skrupa said. "If it wasn't, I wouldn't support it."

UNO Student President/Regent Matt Schulz said the idea of the task force forming several plans may not be exactly what supporters of an engineering college want, but it is a step in the right direction.

Schulz said he is confident that Smith's

actions will be in the best interest of the university as a whole.

Legislature Allocates Funds

The Nebraska State Legislature is requiring the University of Nebraska system to provide \$200,000 to hire four new faculty members to teach engineering courses at UNO.

The money will come from a central administration savings fund, said Sen. Brad Ashford, co-sponsor of the budget amendment requiring the NU system to use the money. The amendment passed the legislature Wednesday by a vote of 28-0.

"Under no circumstances will the money come from UNO," Ashford said.

Ashford said the \$1.2 million UNO receives for its current faculty salaries is "very precious." He added that he would never allow that money be used to hire additional faculty members at the expense of current faculty.

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Spring Break, Love and Lizards

He was out there somewhere in the sea of heads and piles of empty beer bottles.

Blue shirt, tan shorts, brown sandals.

Only a glance was exchanged, but it was a look that was attached to the promise of a lifetime of picket fences, warm smiles and wet kisses. And within a blink, he was gone.

Nobody travels 1,400 miles in a car anymore.

Modern advances, such as the airplane, the telephone and the television allow people to see the world in a much less painful manner. But there was something that sounded romantic about hopping into a car and ending up on the other side of the country. From Omaha to Phoenix to Los Angeles. And I was going to see it all with three people who, if confronted, I would call "friends." Yeah, I guess they were friends. If I saw any of these three people in a crowd, I'd surely wave. And if any of them were ever drowning, heck, I'd probably even throw them a life preserver.

But even the best of friends can't survive a 22-hour car ride. Especially when you've got three girls, one guy and eighteen pieces of luggage smashed into a Chevy Celebrity.

I wasn't looking for a spring fling. In today's dangerous world of diseases and excuses, a girl is forced to look beyond passion and settle for companionship. And Mr. Blue Shirt looked like the perfect companion as he sat up at the bar and sipped his Rolling Rock. Ah, Rolling Rock. Now there's a guy with depth.

I started thinking about my future with Mr. Blue Shirt in Phoenix. He'd come home from

work, unbutton the top button on his blue shirt, unloosen his sandals, and we'd both sit and drink Rolling Rocks.

Maybe I could find him at the dart boards.

I should have known Becky would be the biggest problem in the car.

Last summer Becky and I took a three-hour trip

to Okoboji in what you might call a "trial run." The car ride to the West Coast was mired with continuous comments about the smell of the Iowa outdoors.

"Smells like poop," she'd say every time we passed by a cow pasture.

There's a lot of cows between Omaha and Phoenix. With the windows open and her nostrils flaring, Becky's mouth was open for business.

The dart boards were filled, and a two-foot table filled with cigarette butts and broken glass was as close

as we could get to the action.

A board emptied after about a half an hour, and Michelle and I dropped our quarters in and played cricket.

As I flailed the bar darts in the air, I began to think the search for Mr. Blue Shirt was

useless. He was probably at another bar by now, sharing a Rolling Rock with someone else.

When I was in fourth grade, my teacher, Sister Mary Norbert, made us memorize the song "Beautiful Nebraska."

*Beautiful Nebraska,
Peaceful prairie land,
Laced with many rivers,
And the hills of sand.*

Sister Norbert made Nebraska sound like such a beautiful place to live. She even made me proud of the panhandle. Little did I know the nun was actually wielding her propaganda machine at our young, impressionable minds.

Nebraska is a flat and brown desert sprinkled with a few weeds and trees. If you can get through Nebraska on a long road trip, you can get through anything.

Michelle's not the greatest dart player in the world. She rarely hits the board, and when she does makes contact, the darts usu-

ally bounce off and land across the room. "Damn bar darts," she'll usually say.

It's never the player, of course, it's the darts.

I bent over to pick them up and saw sandals walking toward me. It was Mr. Blue Shirt.

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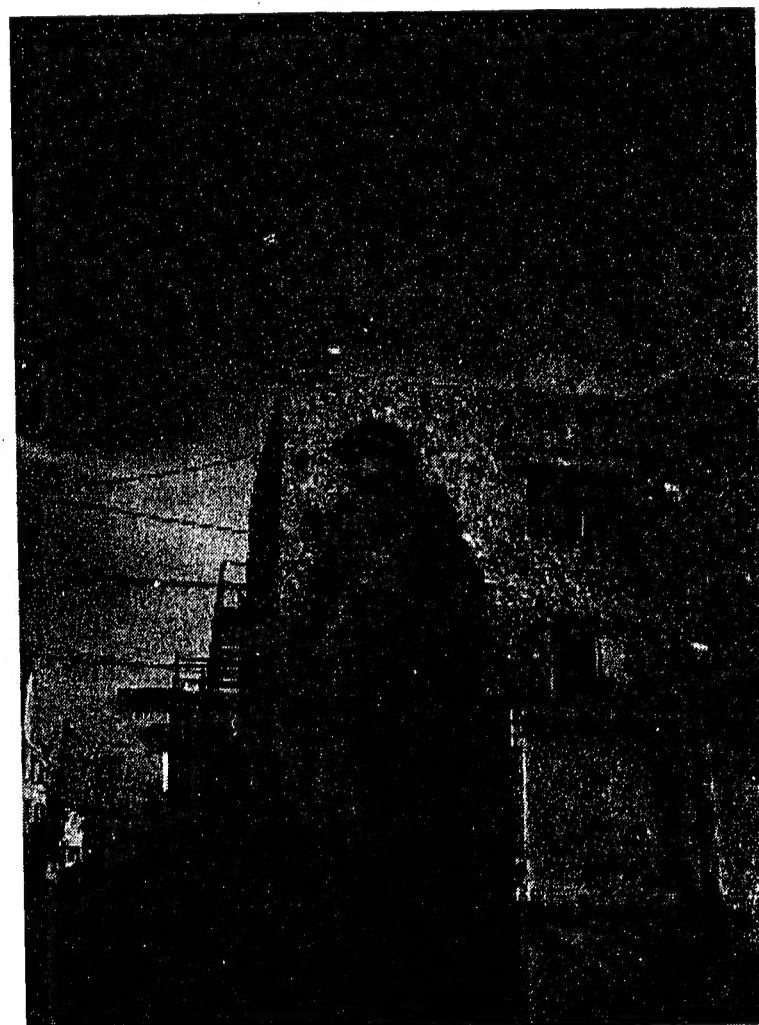
Becky likes Bolton and Taylor Dayne, and she's not afraid to show it. Whenever one of their selections came on the radio, she'd crank up the volume and belt out the number.

Are mountain wolves supposed to clutch their ears when they howl?

We made eye contact again, the blue-shirted man and I, and I was sure this look would last a lifetime. He'd join me for darts, I'd quit school and stay in Phoenix, and we'd have years and years of — companionship.

The next thing I felt was a dart on my foot. It was Michelle out of control again, and when I looked up again Mr. Blue Shirt was gone.

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Everyone goes to Hollywood in the hopes of being discovered. Michael, our only male travel companion, bears a striking resemblance to John Travolta, and if disco ever comes back, he hopes to be shaking his booty with the best of them.

When he strutted down the sunset strip, he stepped out into traffic and was almost hit by a passing car. As he shouted obscenities, he realized the driver of the vehicle was country star Bonnie Raitt.

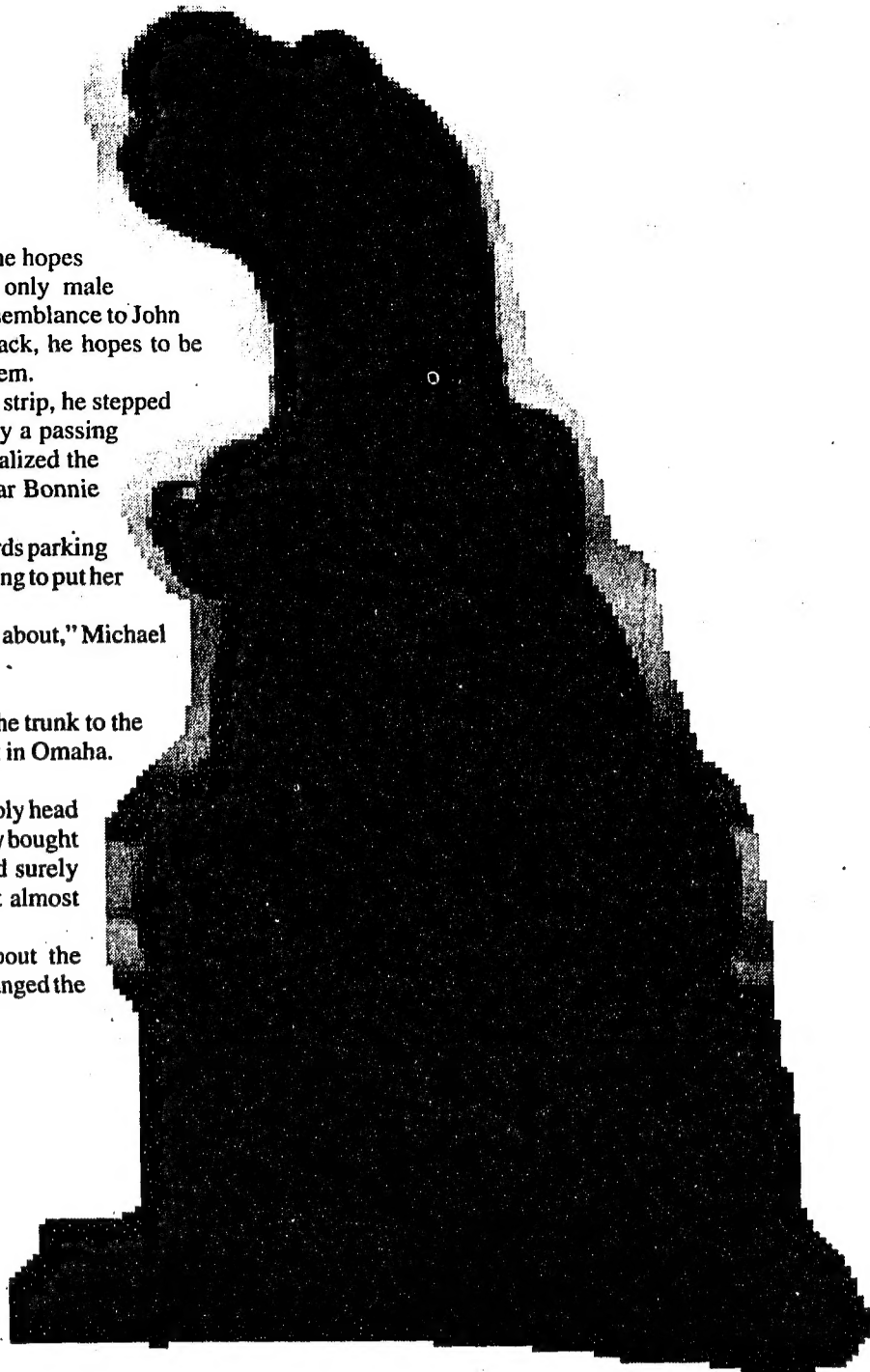
She zoomed into the Capitol Records parking lot and spent the next five minutes trying to put her access card in the ticket slot.

"That'll give her something to talk about," Michael sneered.

...
They whisked my luggage from the trunk to the lawn when we hit the driveway back in Omaha. Everybody wanted to get home.

Becky and Michelle would probably head home and distribute the souvenirs they bought for their loved ones. Michael would surely tell his girlfriend how Bonnie Raitt almost killed him.

I walked inside and thought about the blue-shirted man and the dart that changed the course of history.



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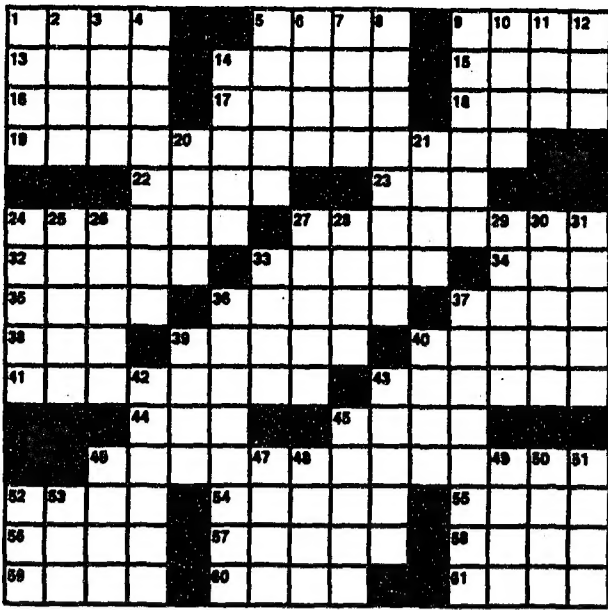
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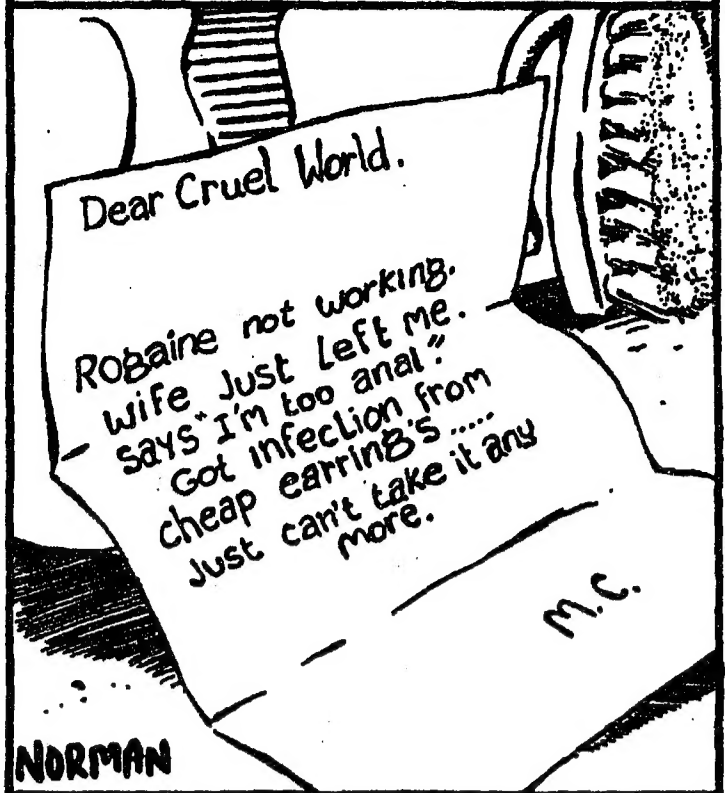
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UNO Baseball Coach Bob Gates said he was pleased with the Mavs' performance in the LeRoy Wilson Classic.

Mavs Gain Direction in Joplin

BY DAVE BORYCA

The LeRoy Wilson Classic in Joplin, Mo., answered a lot of questions for Coach Bob Gates and the UNO men's baseball team.

"We know who the main guys are now," Gates said. "The pitching was questionable, but now we know where to go in our training."

UNO went 5-4 in the tournament. The biggest win for the Mavs came against Emporia State. Mike Sullivan had a three-run homer and Joe Daneff, who went 2 for

3, led the Mavs offensively. The game ended in the fifth inning due to an eight-run UNO lead.

Gates said he was pleased with the offensive abilities shown throughout the tournament.

"There were games when we were down by seven or eight runs, and we'd end up winning," Gates said. "Tommy Sullivan is one of the guys who has been doing a great job for us hitting."

Pitcher Tony Sharf had the win for UNO against Emporia, limiting Emporia to only four runs.

"Tony pitched a great game against Emporia," Gates said. "Hopefully, he'll work out as

one of our top four pitchers."

Gates said that overall he was pleased with the performance of the Mavs in Joplin.

"I was pleased with the trip," Gates said. "We had some outstanding performances and everyone contributed."

Gates also said the Mavs' 5-4 record in the tournament was a little better than expected.

"Usually it's a good tournament if we can go 50-50," Gates said. "It was a pretty good week."

The next game for UNO will be Tuesday against Midland Lutheran at College World Series Park.

Club Fares As Expected

FROM STAFF REPORTS

There were no surprises for the UNO Fencing Club this weekend at the 1994 Omaha Challenge.

"It went about as expected," said John Stochl, captain of the UNO team. "Every one of our fencers made the qualifying cuts and went to the direct eliminations."

Statistically, UNO had six fencers who made it to the final elimination rounds. Two were in men's foil, one in women's foil and three in men's epee.

Stochl said he was surprised with the high level of fencing at the tournament.

"There was very good fencing there," Stochl said. "One of the competitors in the final bout of men's epee was the previous European World Champion."

More than 200 men and women representing 22 different universities and private clubs competed at the Challenge. According to Stochl, the numbers were smaller than expected.

"The attendance was a little shy," Stochl said. "There was a World Cup tournament in New York on the same weekend, so we lost a lot of the East Coast to that."

According to Stochl, the Challenge was one of the more entertaining tournaments on the club's schedule.

"It was quite a diverse group," Stochl said. "People had a lot of fun. There was a lot of camaraderie, even between the competitors. A lot of people showed up who play the U.S. Circuit."

Stochl said he was pleased overall with UNO's performance at the tournament.

"The fencing was good and strong," Stochl said. "I'm really proud of everyone."

Stochl hopes last weekend's tourney will help the club be ready for next week's contest at the April Fool's Tourney in Lincoln.

"It's for novice fencers who have had one major tournament," Stochl said. "We'll be sending about 12 down and should have a good time."

Cycling Club Rolls Into UNO Campus Recreation

BY KENT CROSSLEY

Ever since Julie Buse started cycling at age 10, she had visions of attending a college with cycling team. When the opportunity came for her to go, she ended up staying at home and enrolling at UNO.

Buse was satisfied with her decision, but UNO had no cycling team. So she started one herself.

"I went to Campus Recreation and asked if it would be possible," Buse said. "Dan Shipp (graduate assistant at HPER) worked with me and it all started."

Now the freshman is president of the UNO Cycling Club and her hard work has moved the organization rapidly. She has added a vice-president, Kent McNeil, and signed 35 members to the new club.

Buse said it may not have been possible without the help of Lancer Sports and the Shirt Shack. The two businesses have helped

the club get started with commitments to help with funding.

But the club has scheduled fund raising events to aid in its expansion.

A Roller Ride Marathon, which involves using a device to make the bike stationary, will be held April 9 at the Crossroads Mall.

"We'll be riding for 11 hours straight," Buse said. "The goal is

"We'll be riding for 11 hours straight."

**—Julie Buse
Club President**

to try to get four riders going at the same time."

Proceeds from the marathon will be evenly divided between the club and the American Cancer Society.

Another fund-raising event is

a pancake feed to be held on May 8 at a local Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) chapter.

Since the club has expanded in its activities and members, Buse said the club has divided into four different divisions in an effort to cater to the different interests of various cyclists.

The divisions are mountain bike racing, road racing, mountain bike recreational and recreational.

"Those who are in the racing divisions are racing almost every weekend in the tri-state area," Buse said.

The tri-state area includes Nebraska, Iowa and Missouri.

She said the club has a membership fee of \$20 each semester. More information can be obtained by calling Buse at 330-4028.

Buse said it may not be exactly what she planned 11 years ago, but she has probably learned more at UNO than at a college with an established cycling program.

Lady Mavs 8th After Rebel Spring Games

BY KENT CROSSLEY

While classes were dismissed for spring break, the UNO Lady Mavs were racking up wins in the Rebel Spring Games softball tournament in Orlando, Fla.

The Lady Mavs, who were ranked 13th nationally in

Florida Southern, 19th-ranked Mankato State and Division I Brown University.

"The Florida Southern win was the biggest we've had," Coach Mary Yori said.

"The Lady Mavs' only loss was to Bloomsburg in a 4-3 decision in extra innings.

"It was a real tight game, and we lost it in the eighth

"I'm happy with the way we're playing and hitting."

**—Mary Yori
UNO Softball Coach**

NCAA Division II entering the tournament, went 12-1 to boost their record to 20-2. With the wins, UNO is now ranked eighth nationally.

Among the wins, the Lady Mavs defeated top-ranked and defeating national champion

inning," Yori said.

Yori said all 15 players on the squad contributed to the success, which accounted for a .400 team batting average and 10 home runs.

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"I'm happy with the way we're playing and hitting," Yori said. "We have hit 19 home runs for the year. We must be leading the nation in home runs."

Seniors Michala Lehotak and all-American Deb Baetsle each had four home runs in Florida, while Tracy Carey added two.

Yori also said freshman lead-off batter Toni Novak was important to the success of the Lady Mavs.

"She batted .500 and usually got on base with her speed. She was very effective," Yori said.

While the offense was doing well, the Lady Mavs also found success in its pitching staff.

Denise Peterson and Jenni Upenieks remained undefeated at 7-0 and 4-0, respectively. Tracey Carey, who pitched against Bloomsburg and Florida Southern, is now 9-2 on the year.

The Lady Mavs were rewarded for their success in the Florida tournament. They jumped to eighth in the most recent Division II ratings.

Yori, in her sixth season as head coach, now has more than 200 career victories at

UNO after the 12-win tournament. Her teams have made it to NCAA postseason play four out of the last five years.

The Lady Mavs don't get much time to relax as they travel to Central College (Iowa) Tuesday.

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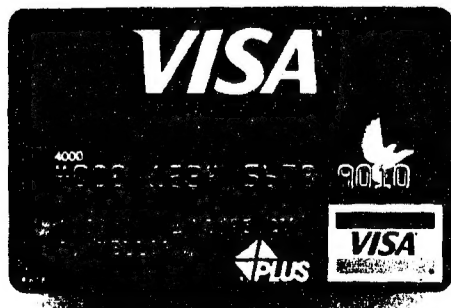


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The Lady Mav softball team went 12-1 in the Rebel Spring Games in Orlando, Fla. UNO entered the tournament ranked 13th in NCAA Division II and left rated No. 8.

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Behrns Pleased With Mavs Improvements

FROM STAFF REPORTS

The second scrimmage of the season for the UNO football team has shown that the Mavericks still have a long way to go.

"We're still not there," said first year head coach Pat Behrns. "We made some improvements, but there is still a lot to work on."

This week, the Mavs will try to sharpen their skills in the last four spring practices. After that, the Mavs will be off until August.

Despite the beginning of the season, Behrns said the Mavericks have shown steady im-

provements since spring practice started.

"We're better defensively and have an all over better attitude than before," Behrns said. "Offensively in the last scrimmage, we did better too."

At the beginning of the season's practice,

Behrns expressed concern over the team's lack of physical and mental "toughness." Behrns said the Mavs have been show-

ing more strength in that department.

"I'd say we have improved what we consider to be that area," Behrns said. "The guys have been working hard."

Currently, Behrns is unable to choose any players on the team who have done a particularly outstanding job in practice.

"No one guy hasn't stood out yet," Behrns said. "Troy Kloewer did a nice job in practice. We

haven't been working a lot with special teams, but our kicker (Brian Ruch) has been doing a nice job."

In the scrimmage, Jermaine Hill led the Mavs rushing attack with 62 yards of 14 carries. The passing game was headed by Kloewer with 8 completions on 17 attempts for 116 yards. John Medley was the leading receiver with four receptions for 89 yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Scott Whitaker, John Arrington, Brent Neben, Wally Waller and Bryon Hostlon each had sacks. Also, Mike Hassler and Matt Koch both had interceptions.

"We made some improvements, but there is still a lot to work on."

—Pat Behrns

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